

What's Taking So long? Understanding the Funding Process

Length: 1 Hour

Description:

Participants will track an equipment request from the day of evaluation to the day of delivery and on to the day of re-imburement, to gain a better understanding of the process and the overall cost of medical equipment.

Objectives:

- 1.) List the number of people involved in obtaining an authorization by tracking an equipment request from evaluation to re-imburement
- 2.) Define Covered Benefit and Allowable
- 3.) Understand why an ATP may not be able to submit a request for a "covered benefit".
- 4.) List alternate funding sources for equipment, maintenance or repairs.

Instructional Level: All levels

Credits: 1.0 CCU / 0.1 CEU

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Presenter:

Jackie James OT, ATP

Jackie James earned her degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Texas – Health Science Center in San Antonio in 1987. She learned a lot from her UT professors, but her real teachers were the kids she served for 25 years in the classrooms of Austin ISD and Mongu, Zambia, a remote community on the Zambezi River in Sub-Saharan Africa. The children and young adults she worked with inspired her to look beyond the text books. Often without the benefit of speech, they challenged her to find solutions that would improve their comfort, function and quality of life. They schooled her on the value of well-fitted rehabilitation equipment, which lead her to seek a second career as an Assistive Technology Professional who specializes in pediatric Complex Rehabilitation Equipment. Jackie James earned her RESNA ATP credentials in 2012 and currently works for Travis Medical Sales Corporation.